Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 25 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021 at 02:40 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a trend to less changeable conditions, lower for timing and extent of areas of cloud and occasional rain.

Headline for Wednesday 24 Feb 2021: Sunshine and blustery showers, though mainly dry in the afternoon. Windy with severe summit gales and high wind chill.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
50%	50%	20%	10%	10%	10%

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Weather: A mostly cloudy start, with showers, these falling as sleet or snow on the higher summits, but mostly dry over the northeast and becoming drier and brighter more generally through the morning Some sunny spells in the afternoon but also a few wintry showers towards coastal ranges. Mainly dry in with clear periods in evening, but becoming cloudier for a time towards the Great Glen with perhaps some rain and summit snow.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% at first improving to 80% through afternoon.

Visibility: Mostly good, briefly moderate or poor in showers, but poor at times at height with occasional broken cloud above 700m and patches 500m in west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	62/72 SW	57/69 SW	47/62 SW	40/53 SW	38/50 SW	38/50 SW	38/52 SW
900	58/68 SW	54/66 SW	45/59 SW	38/51 SW	36/48 SW	36/48 SW	36/50 SW
600	40/51 SW	38/51 S	33/47 SW	28/40 SW	25/37 SW	25/37 SW	26/39 SW
300	10/52 S	11/50 SW	13/48 SW	11/40 SW	10/37 SW	9/36 SW	11/39 SW
Glen	22/45 SW	22/44 S	21/43 SW	18/36 SW	15/32 SW	15/32 S	15/33 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-8	1/-8	1/-8	1/-8	0/-8	-0/-9	-1/-10
900	2/-7	2/-7	2/-6	2/-6	1/-7	0/-8	0/-8
600	5/-3	5/-2	4/-2	4/-2	3/-3	3/-4	2/-4
300	7/4	7/4	7/4	7/4	6/3	5/3	5/2
Glen	9/5	9/5	10/6	9/6	8/5	8/4	7/4
Freezing Level*	1300m	1300m	1100m	1000m	900m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Winds over the Cuillin will be around 10mph higher than in the table. Mild on lower slopes but some chill at higher elevation.

Forecast for Thursday 25 Feb 2021
Weather: A cold and windy day with occasional showers. Showers falling as snow above 600-700m and rain and hail below this. Some bright or sunny interludes between these, especially through the afternoon as showers tend to fade. A mainly dry evening with clear spells before cloud and occasional rain spreads to the west towards midnight.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 35 gusting 50mph, decreasing a little through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% morning, 60% afternoon.

Visibility: Mainly good, but some brief reductions as showers pass through. These could bring cloud down to 600-800m in the west but generally cloud will be broken with higher bases, especially in afternoon. Increasing cloud to 450m in the west towards midnight with some poorer visibility in drizzly rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to Plus 8C.
At 800m: 0C.
Freezing level: 800m, rising 1000m on west coast by midnight.

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